urban households with sewerage and sanitation facilities. The Tenth Plan document indicates an outlay of Rs. 23,157 crore for urban sewerage and sanitation. Ministry of Urban Development is about to launch National Urban Renewal Mission and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns to provide reform-linked assistance to the state governments for infrastructure development projects including sewerage and sanitation.

Schemes to Prevent Flooding of cities

275. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any innovative schemes have been formulated to tide over the flooding of cities as it happened in Mumbai, Chennai and Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Urban sanitation falls within the jurisdiction of state governments and it is, therefore, the responsibility of the state governments/ urban local bodies to plan, design and execute drainage/sewerage schemes. However, there is a centrally sponsored scheme of infrastructure development in mega-cities *viz.* Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Kolkata to provide assistance for infrastructure projects including sewerage and drainage projects in those cities. Bangalore Municipal Corporation has informed that re-modelling of all primary and secondary storm water drains in Bangalore city has been taken up at a total cost of Rs. 400/- Crore.

Besides, Government is shortly launching National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) for select cities and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) for cities not covered under NURM. Storm water drains is one of the eligible components under the above mentioned schemes.